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FROM CHIEF OF MISSION

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION BY CHIEF OF MISSION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS

REF:A DAKAR 2749, B DAKAR 4574, C STATE 201122

1. MOST RECENT EVALUATION OF USG ACTIVITIES IN SENEGAL IN TERMS OF STAFFING LEVELS IS CONTAINED IN DAKAR'S 4576 OF JULY 7 (REF B). AT THAT TIME AMBASSADOR AGGREY SAID HE CONSIDERED THE STAFFING LEVELS REFLECTED IN TABLES 1 AND 2 OF DAKAR'S 2749 (THIS WAS THE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT FOR THE SENEGAL PARM PART 2 OF APRIL 21) TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR CARRYING OUT US INTERESTS IN SENEGAL AND THAT HE COULD DETERMINE NO AREA IN WHICH THERE SHOULD BE LESS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED MANPOWER IF MISSION WAS TO CARRY OUT ITS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. SINCE RETURNING TO POST SEPTEMBER 1, I HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL AGENCY HEADS AT THIS MISSION. I FIND THAT THE EVALUATION SUBMITTED IN EARLY JULY (REF B) STILL HOLDS. MISSION, IN MY OPINION, HAS STRUCK A GOOD

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BALANCE BETWEEN PERSONNEL RESOURCES AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. IN GENERAL, MISSION ACTIVITIES ARE INCREASING, AND PERSONNEL LEVELS, IF ANYTHING, ARE BEGINNING TO LAG BEHIND. I WOULD NOTE IN PARTICULAR TWO MAIN AREAS WHERE ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE UPSWING. OUR AID PROGRAMS IN SENEGAL ARE EXPANDING CONSIDERABLY ACCORDING TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED PLANNING. AT THE SAME

TIME THE AID DAKAR CEILING ISSTAYING WITHIN THE
PROJECTED INCREASE FROM 21 DIRECT-HIRE POSITIONS IN
FY-77 TO 26 IN FY-78/79. THIS AGAIN IS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ESTIMATES PROVIDED IN OUR APRIL 21,
1977 PARM (REF A). THE SECOND MAIN AREA OF INCREASED
ACTIVITIES IS IN DAKAR'S GROWING ROLE AS A CENTER FOR
REGIONAL SERVICES TO NEARBY POSTS IN NOUAKCHOTT, BAMAKO,
CONAKRY, BISSAU, BANJUL, AND THE SOON-TO-BE-OPENED
EMBASSY IN THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS. WITH THE SHARP
INCREASE PROJECTED FOR AID PERSONNEL AND CATIVITIES IN
MAURITANIA AND THE JANUARY 1978 OPENING OF OUR EMBASSY
IN THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, DAKAR'S REGIONAL RESPONSI-
BILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

3. WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CAREFULLY OUR PERSONNEL
LEVELS AT THIS MISSION.

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